The Honorable Charles Grassley Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

> Re: <u>Letter of Support for the Nomination of Chad Meredith to be United</u> <u>States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky</u>

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

As Kentucky attorneys, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Chad Meredith to serve as a United States District Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

We are a bipartisan group of Bluegrass State attorneys with a variety of legal practices. Our group is made up of, among others, civil litigators, prosecutors, criminal-defense attorneys, corporate attorneys, and government lawyers. Despite our diverse views and backgrounds, we all agree that our legal system needs judges who carefully and honestly evaluate the arguments made by the parties and do what the law requires.

We all believe that Chad will excel as a District Judge. He is a native Kentuckian who graduated from public schools in Grayson County. Chad then graduated with highest honors from both Washington and Lee University and the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Upon completing his education, Chad clerked for Judge John M. Rogers on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He then clerked on the District Court to which he is now nominated to serve for then-District Court Judge Amul Thapar. After his clerkships, Chad litigated at two respected Kentucky law firms—first at Frost Brown Todd and then at Ransdell Roach & Royse. Chad then left private practice to pursue public service. He served as Chief Deputy General Counsel to the Governor of Kentucky and then served for two years as Kentucky's first Solicitor General, during which time he oversaw all of Kentucky's

criminal and civil appellate litigation. Chad now works as a litigation partner at Squire Patton Boggs.

Chad's legal experiences will serve him well as a District Judge. Chad knows litigation inside and out. He has taken and defended depositions; he has directed and cross-examined witnesses in hearings and at trial; and he has briefed and argued all manner of motions in state and federal trial courts. He also has briefed and argued numerous appeals in the Sixth Circuit and the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Beyond his impressive legal background, we know from personal experience that Chad is a decent, humble person who cares deeply about the rule of law. He listens to opposing arguments with an open mind and respectfully engages with people of all backgrounds and viewpoints. In addition, we have no doubt that Chad has the character and integrity to serve the country and our Commonwealth as a District Judge.

We respectfully urge the Senate to confirm Chad's nomination.

Sincerely,

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